

Greetings!

This is your Maintenance of Way Team update for July 6, 2014. It was somewhat of a quiet week for the MOW Team as the Independence Day weekend and Team member vacations diminished the size of the crew. But, even volunteers deserve a little time off every once in a while. So, before we slow down too much, let's get this update cracking.

Tuesday was an interesting evening. Pat Scholzen, Gene Peck, Cliff Hayes, Heather Kearns, Mike Miller, Steve Nemeth, Virginia Baron, Harry Voss, Mike Harris, Dave Megeath, Frank Werry, Frederick Carr, Alan Hardy, and special guest Judy Hardy, decided the time had come to celebrate the big move of our headquarters from the Boiler Shop to the Erecting Shop. Our *Designated Supervisor of Barbecue Engineers* (DSBE), Pat, fired-up the trusty MOW barbecue for a special evening of tasty goodness. Once again, the DSBE exceeded all expectations with his barbecue acumen. Team members brought various accompaniments to make for a thoroughly enjoyable evening, as well.

But, partying wasn't the only thing on the agenda. Heather, Frank, Gene, and Cliff took the A-6 motorcar over to the drop-table pit in the Boiler Shop. While refitting the A-6 over the past month, a broken cross-brace was discovered. As it is a key component in supporting the transmission, it needed to be fixed. Luckily, we have master welder, Cliff, working with us. He and Gene figured out how to re-align the two pieces of the brace then weld them back together. Of course, it was a successful venture and the A-6 is now structurally sound again.

Thursday evening, Frank, Bob Ress, Cliff, Mike H., and Alan removed more hoses from the Kalamazoo (former regulator), and managed to get its turntable up and locked. The turntable on the Kalamazoo has two locking pins, one of which is busted beyond repair. However, the side with the good pin is able to hold the turntable in place for the time being. We will need to fabricate and install a new pin on the other side. So, to prepare, the Team located the materials necessary for making it. Unfortunately, none of our welders will work with the available voltage in the Erecting Shop. This is a problem that is holding up quite a bit of what we want to do. But, we shall persevere.

There were no doughnuts on Saturday as it was not an official work day. Because of the three day weekend and the general unavailability of Team members, we had decided to cancel Saturday's activities. However, Alan and Clem Meier got together to finish fabricating the parts for the second locking pin for the Kalamazoo's turntable. Once the welder problems get sorted out the pin can be installed. Alan continued painting on the Kalamazoo and cut metal parts for the protective cage over the fuel tank cap and the hydraulic hose reel we've mounted to the deck. They removed the radiator for servicing. All in all, the project is coming along nicely.

This coming week, the MOW Team will be working at full capacity. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the call-time is 5 o'clock. Saturday, the doughnut delivery will occur at 8 o'clock a.m. Good times and great achievements are promised. As always, many thanks to the volunteers and supporters of the MOW Team!

See you out on the line,

Alan, Chris, and Richard.

P.S. Check out the photos barbecuing action in the attachment! Sorry, it's a Word doc. I'm unable to "PDF" it this week.

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Cliff welding the cross-brace under the A-6



The DSBE at work



Dave, Cliff, Fred, and Heather enjoy some yummy barbecue. Oh, and this is the MOW Lounge area. Before anyone has a fit about no hard-hats, in the lounge area, hard-hats can be removed – just as it was in the Boiler Shop...



Mike H., Alan, Steve, Judy, Frank, Harry, and Virginia gather for barbecue goodness